



# 2026 ISO Market Policy Catalog

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## Background

Each year, the ISO develops an updated policy initiatives workplan via the Market Policy Initiatives Catalog and Roadmap process. During this annual process, stakeholders submit market policy initiative proposals pertaining to ISO market design and identify their priorities among those proposals. The Policy Initiatives Catalog describes these stakeholder policy initiatives submissions and characterizes stakeholder support for these submissions. Proposed policy initiatives described in the Catalog are considered as an input in the prioritization effort that yields the Market Policy Initiatives Roadmap, which describes the policy initiatives work plan over the next three years. Figure 1 below describes the milestones of the 2026 Policy Catalog and Roadmap process.

**TABLE 1: POLICY CATALOG & ROADMAP DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>January</b>        | 2026 kickoff stakeholder meeting  |
| <b>February/March</b> | Stakeholders submit proposals to Market Policy Catalog                  |
| <b>April/May</b>      | Stakeholder prioritization workshop                                     |
|                       | Stakeholder prioritization survey                                       |
| <b>June</b>           | Publish 2026 Market Policy Catalog & revised 2026 Market Policy Roadmap |
| <b>July</b>           | Begin 2027-2029 Market Policy Roadmap development                       |
| <b>October</b>        | Draft 2027-2029 Market Policy Roadmap released                          |
| <b>November</b>       | Stakeholder comment period  |
| <b>December</b>       | Final 2027-2029 Market Policy Roadmap released                          |

## Stakeholder submissions

In February 2026, 12 stakeholders submitted 18 proposals for consideration in the 2026 Market Policy Roadmap and Catalog, the complete text of which are posted on the 2026 Policy Catalog and Roadmap webpage<sup>1</sup>. Two submissions were within the scope of the Infrastructure Policy Catalog and Roadmap and were referred to that process for further consideration<sup>2</sup>. The remaining 16 submissions were considered for prioritization by stakeholders and are listed below.

<sup>1</sup> [2026 Market Policy Catalog Submissions](#)

<sup>2</sup> [“Transmission Access Charge \(TAC\) Structure Enhancements”](#) submitted by California Department of Water Resources State Water Project, and [“Streamlined Augmentation of Operational Batteries”](#) submitted by NextEra Energy Resources.

TABLE 2: 2026 MARKET POLICY CATALOG ITEMS

| Organization   | Submission Title   |
|--|--|
| Appian Way Energy Partners                                     | Western Market Seams Coordination                                    |
| Bonneville Power Administration                                | Market-to-Market Seams   |
| California Department of Water Resources - State Water Project | Flex RA phantom obligation due to delayed commercial operation date  |
| California Department of Water Resources - State Water Project | Rising costs to LSEs with Real-Time Congestion Offset (RTCO) Charges |
| California Public Utilities Commission Energy Division         | EDAM and DAME assessment   |
| California Public Utilities Commission Energy Division         | Liquidity of bilateral indices in FERC Order 831 implementation      |
| PacifiCorp   | Imbalance reserve product enhancements                               |
| Pacific Gas & Electric   | Ancillary Services Real-Time Re-Optimization                         |
| Pacific Gas & Electric   | 2028 EDAM Review   |
| The Energy Authority   | EDAM BAA Transactional Market Seams Enhancements                     |
| The Joint Parties  | Maximum Import Capability (MIC) Enhancements                         |
| Vitol Inc.   | Economic inertia bidding under EDAM                                  |
| Western Resource Advocates                                     | Inertia bidding with EDAM  |
| Western Power Trading Forum                                    | Internal and external market seams                                   |
| Western Power Trading Forum                                    | Resource Adequacy Reliability  |
| Western Power Trading Forum                                    | EDAM enhancements  |

## Stakeholder Engagement

In April 2026, the ISO held a public stakeholder prioritization workshop in which organizations that submitted each of the 16 proposals were invited to present and provide additional context on their proposals and address questions from other stakeholders. Slides and a recording of this meeting are available on the 2026 Market Policy Catalog and Roadmap webpage<sup>3</sup>. Following this workshop, all stakeholders were invited to participate in a poll to identify their top priorities and characterize their level of support for each initiative. Poll results are described in the subsequent results section.

The Western Energy Markets Regional Issues Forum (RIF) also held a roundtable discussion of submitted proposals in March 2026, where members discussed issues and priorities among each of the sector liaisons. Following the roundtable discussion, the RIF issued a Roundtable Report in May 2026, which further documented the priorities of each of the RIF sectors<sup>4</sup>. The Western Energy Markets Body of State Regulators (BOSR) also submitted comments in May 2026 summarizing their priorities among both proposed and ongoing initiatives<sup>5</sup>.

## Results: Stakeholder Prioritization

### Stakeholder Prioritization Survey

The ISO released a prioritization survey that was open to all stakeholders between April 7 and May 15. The survey asked participants to (1) identify one of the proposed policy initiatives described above as their highest priority, and (2) characterize their support for each policy initiative proposal as one of the following: support, support with caveats, no position, oppose with caveats, oppose. The survey also asked stakeholders to complete the same two prioritization questions for existing market policy initiatives, which the ISO considered in developing the Revised 2026 Market Policy Roadmap published June 18, 2026. Participants had the option to provide additional feedback on each initiative via text boxes.

With stakeholder permission, thematically similar proposals were consolidated for voting purposes. Submissions from the following four organizations were consolidated into a single topic titled “western energy market seams”: Appian Way Energy Partners, Bonneville Power Administration, The Energy Authority, and Western Power Trading Forum. Submissions from the following two organizations were consolidated into a single topic titled “EDAM intertie bidding-related topics”: Vitol Inc. and Western Resource Advocates. Note that some thematically similar proposals remained separate – in these instances, stakeholders did not respond affirmatively to the ISO’s request to consolidate their proposals.

36 stakeholders participated in the prioritization survey, and full survey results are included in the Appendix.

Two initiatives led as the highest single priorities for stakeholders: (1) Western energy market seams (eight votes), and (2) MIC enhancements (six votes).

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<sup>3</sup> [2026 Market Policy Catalog and Roadmap webpage](#)

<sup>4</sup> [2026 Regional Issues Forum Roundtable Report](#)

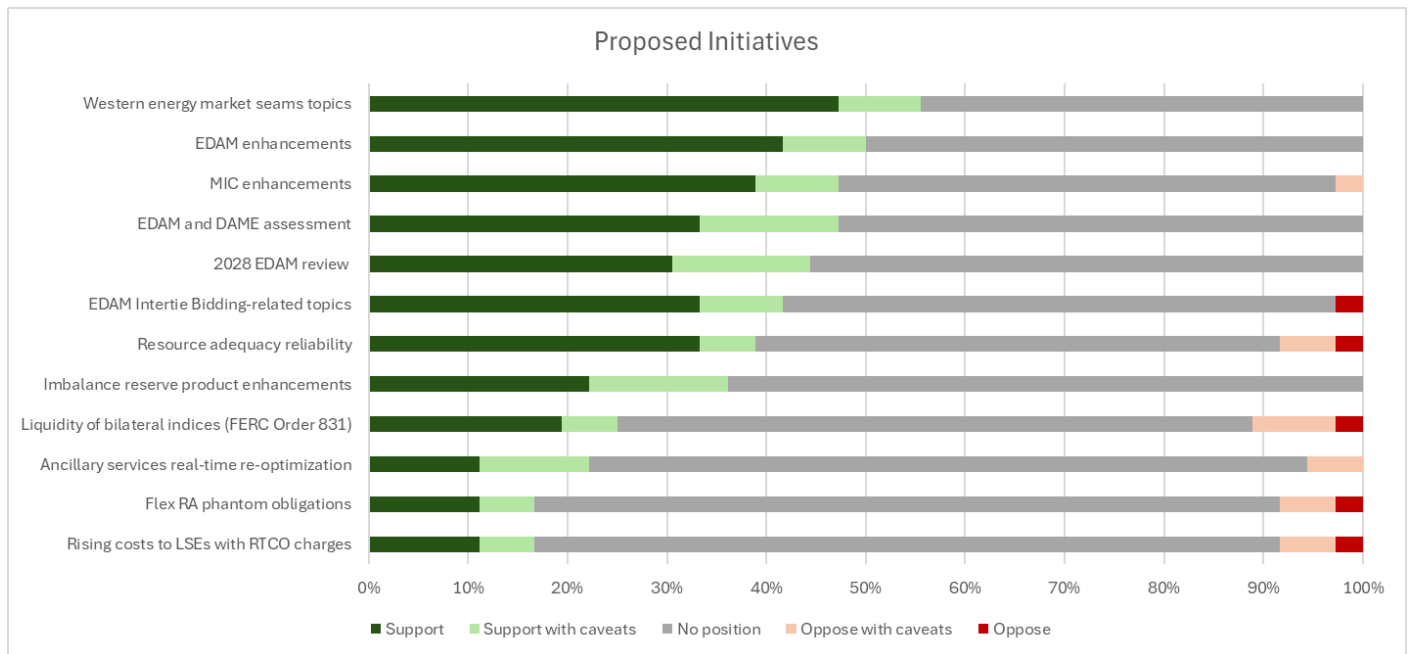
<sup>5</sup> [2026 BOSR comments on Market Policy Catalog and Roadmap](#)

**TABLE 3: HIGHEST PRIORITY PROPOSED INITIATIVES, BY NUMBER OF STAKEHOLDER VOTES**

| <b>Highest Priority</b>                                | <b>Votes</b> |
|--|--------------|
| <b>Western energy market seams topics</b>              | 8            |
| <b>MIC enhancements</b>                                | 6            |
| <b>Resource adequacy reliability</b>                   | 4            |
| <b>EDAM and DAME assessment</b>                        | 4            |
| <b>EDAM Intertie Bidding-related topics</b>            | 2            |
| <b>Rising costs to LSEs with RTCO charges</b>          | 1            |
| <b>Liquidity of bilateral indices (FERC Order 831)</b> | 1            |
| <b>Flex RA phantom obligations</b>                     | 0            |
| <b>Imbalance reserve product enhancements</b>          | 0            |
| <b>Ancillary services real-time re-optimization</b>    | 0            |
| <b>2028 EDAM review</b>                                | 0            |
| <b>EDAM enhancements</b>                               | 0            |

Stakeholders were broadly supportive of all proposed initiatives and expressed the strongest support for the following three topics: western energy market seams, EDAM enhancements, and MIC enhancements. Aggregated results are highlighted below, with the full results – including comments – included in the Appendix.

FIGURE 1: STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK, PROPOSED INITIATIVES



**Western Energy Markets Regional Issues Forum Roundtable Report**

The RIF Roundtable Report<sup>6</sup> documented each of the seven RIF sectors’ priorities among the policy initiative proposals submitted by stakeholders in February 2026 and synthesized areas of agreement across sectors. While there was little overlap in the proposed initiatives that each sector identified as their highest priorities, multiple sectors expressed interest in addressing western market seams issues. Additionally, RIF sectors largely supported maintaining momentum on existing policy initiatives including EDAM enhancements and EDAM Congestion Revenue Allocation Phase 2. Table 4 summarizes, to the extent possible, prioritization feedback from each sector.

<sup>6</sup> [2026 WEM Regional Issues Forum Roundtable Report](#)

TABLE 4: RIF PRIORITIZATION FEEDBACK BY SECTOR

| RIF Sector                                | Highest Priority: Proposed Initiatives  |
|---|---|
| Western EIM Entities                      | Mixed feedback - no single highest priority identified, but some support for Western Market Seams.  |
| CAISO Participating Transmission Owners   | No single highest priority identified. Members submitted three proposals to 2026 Catalog: EDAM Review, Re-Optimization of Ancillary Services in the Real-Time Market, and MIC Enhancements.         |
| Consumer-Owned Utilities                  | No highest priority initiative identified. Support the following proposed initiatives: Western Market Seams, MIC Enhancements, Phantom Flex RA Requirements, RTCO Enhancements.                     |
| EDAM Entities                             | Imbalance Reserve Enhancements  |
| Public Interest Groups                    | Enable EDAM Intertie Bidding and Western Market Seams   |
| Independent Power Producers and Marketers | No single highest priority identified. Members supported three proposed initiatives: EDAM Economic and Intertie Bidding, Removing Flex RA and Updating Backstop Procurement, and EDAM Enhancements. |
| Power Marketing Administrations           | Western Market Seams  |

### Western Energy Markets Body of State Regulators Comments

Members of the Western Energy Markets Body of State Regulators (BOSR) provided comments supporting the following proposed initiative topics: western energy market seams, bilateral market liquidity, and EDAM assessments & enhancements. The BOSR also noted their support for the ongoing EDAM Congestion Revenue Allocation initiative and Storage Design and Modeling initiative.

### Additional Catalog Feedback

Stakeholders provided the ISO with additional Catalog feedback via written comments in the survey and the RIF Roundtable report, and verbal comments during the stakeholder meeting and RIF Roundtable meeting. Much of this feedback focused on providing additional contextual background explaining support for individual initiatives and suggesting specific pathways for policy development.

Stakeholders and RIF members across multiple sectors emphasized the importance of focusing on western market seams issues as regional day-ahead markets expand.

The ISO thanks stakeholders for their feedback, and plans to incorporate these requests into the 2027-2029 Market Policy Roadmap development process.

### Next steps

The ISO is committed to building a Roadmap that accommodates stakeholder resources and bandwidth. The stakeholder submissions included in the Catalog will be considered for inclusion in the ISO's 2027-2028 Market Policy Roadmap, and stakeholder feedback on prioritization will be used as one of several inputs to help inform the ISO's internal planning and prioritization process for the Market Policy Roadmap. For each initiative listed in the Catalog, the ISO will determine whether pursuing this initiative will benefit reliability or market efficiency and then evaluate the feasibility of undertaking the initiative and prioritize the initiative against existing obligations and resource availability. The ISO plans to publish the 2027-2029 Market Policy Roadmap in approximately October 2026 for stakeholder review and comment.

## Appendix: Stakeholder Prioritization Survey Results